

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. GORDON GRAY
Director, Psychological Strategy Board

SUBJECT: CIA Comment on Publicity with Respect to Novel Weapons

1. The Staff Study prepared by the Psychological Strategy Board on the above subject has been reviewed by ~~SPC~~ CJA

2. Proposals: The following changes are recommended:

a. Paragraph 7c, Page 4 - Delete (1) and (2), and substitute the following:

(1) Reiterate the peaceful intentions of the U. S. Government, and emphasize that our research and development in the field of novel weapons ~~is~~ undertaken in the interest of security and to reduce the disparity between Soviet armament potential and U. S. armament weaknesses.

(2) Comment: (1) and (2) as written are not credulous statements.

b. Paragraph 7c (6) - Restate as follows:

(1) Emphasize that Soviet intransigence^{ence} with respect to atomic energy and novel weapons, control systems, or inspection and reports leaves the U. S. no alternative other than to continue its scientific development in the interest of its own security.

(2) Comment: As (6) is currently stated, there is little reality for drawing a comparison between the Soviet responsibility for this condition and the U. S. attitude. As written, (6) supports (3) more concretely.

c. Paragraph 11d - OPC would recommend that the chairman of the Information Guidance Committee be the Director of the Psychological Strategy Board rather than a member of the White House Staff.

d. Paragraph 8, page 5; Paragraph 11f, page 7; Paragraph 11g, page 8; and Recommendation 12c, page 8 - OPC believes that the guidance established herein is sufficient unto itself and that the responsible departments and agencies of the Government should be guided accordingly, ~~and~~ that additional guidance should stem from the Information Guidance Committee per se, rather than from any Governmental department. OPC would therefore recommend the deletion, as appropriate, or modification of these paragraphs.

3. Subject to the above comments, OPC agrees that a guidance of this type is necessary and recommends that ~~there~~^{it} be consideration by the PSB alternates at the next meeting.

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Mr. [REDACTED] recommends a strong dissent with the paper as a whole, pointing out that the PSB, CIA, and Department of Defense (Through the Military Themes Working Group) are already set up to do this job. Keep the AEC, CAD, and the White House out of PW operations except on a need to know basis.

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Some of Mr. [REDACTED] detailed objections are reflected in the proposed changes of the attached memorandum.

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The following FY people have reviewed the paper: [REDACTED]
in addition to three Area Divisions.

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